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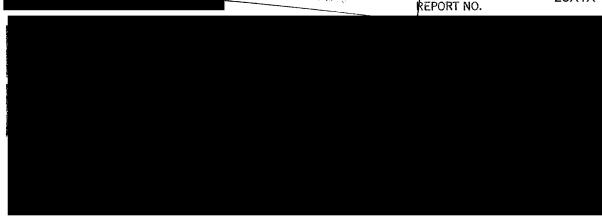
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- Hugo Smela's business agent in fast Bengal is F. M. Baranek whose address is Branch House, Kanpur, Narayangunj, East Bengal. Baranek is selling machinery to a fir. C. C. Patton who is scheduled to come to Calcutta to see H. Smela. Patton will live at 14 Alipore Park Road, telephone South 1695. Smale's address is Royal Court, 5/1 Russel Street, Calcutta.
- 2. The police authorities in Calcutta sent a memorandum to the Home Ministry in Now Delhi concerning the Czechs in Batanagar and Galcutta. The memorandum said these Czechs are, in general, pro-Communist; that they are sending reports to Gzechoslovakia about India and are getting propaganda material from Czechoslovakia; and that they correspond with Czech newspapers and supply them with information. Milada Ganguli's aname was mentioned as one of those who supply information to Ozech newspapers.
- 3. The police, in view of the above, recommend in the memorandum that the Government refuse to allow any more Czechs to enter India; the police suggest that the Indian Embassy in Prague be informed accordingly.
- 4. In the memorandum the police recommend the deportation of Hugo Smela. At one place in the memorandum there is a comment by a high Government official of West Bengal which processes instead that Smela's visa should not be extended.
- 5. The memorandum mentions Jan Baros, a Czech who works at Beta. Baros is married and claims to be anti-Communist. The memorandum says Baros organized a branch of the Czech Sokol and gets his orders from Sokol headquarters in Prague.
- 5. The memorandum also mentions Jan Bittner who lives at the Grand Hotel, as having arrived recently from Czechoslovakia via Brussels where he stopped for a few days. His business in India is not known, but he is expected to return to Gzechoslovakia via Brussels soon. According to the memorandum, his contact in Brussels is Francisck Ceh. Bittner's brother, Otto, is working in Gottwaldovo and, according to the memorandum, Otto is sending "information"5 to Jan.

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- 7. About AO percent of the Czechs in this area are pro-Communists, 40 to 50 percent are opportunists and 10 to 20 percent are non-Communists. None are really anti-Communist; even the non-Communists do nothing against the Communists. With few exceptions all the Czechs, even the non-Communists, are taking out new Czech passports; even Mr. and Mrs. Hruska, who claim to be anti-Communists, are carrying new Czech passports.
- 8. Jan G. Bartos 7, editor of <u>Batanagar News</u> and former president of the Czech Society in Calcutta (which he helped dissolve), is in contact with the London Committee of Czechs.
- 9. Other Czechs in this area are:

Burda, (fmu). Burda is considered a "black sheep" by some Czechs; he was formerly in Spain and South America. He has a family in Czechoslovakia.

Urbanek. J. Urbanek came to India in 1942-43 and works for an Indian company in Howrah. He married an Anglo-Indian. He never joined the Czech Society.

Derosovsky, Leon. Derogovsky lives in Chittagong and is in the plywood business.

Szelechov (fnu). Szelechov came to India in 1936. He has an office in Stephen House and is in the plywood business.



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